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SUBJECT: ITC STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE INVESTIGATION

1. THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (ITC) IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION NO. TA 201-8 UNDER SECTION 201 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF STAINLESS STEEL TABLE FLATWARE, WHO ARE SEEKING RELIEF FROM IMPORTS OF STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE. THESE U.S. MANUFACTURERS ALLEGE THAT JAPANESE STEEL MILLS SELL STAINLESS STEEL TO THEM AT PRICES WHICH ARE 75 PERCENT GREATER THAN THE PRICES AT WHICH THE STEEL MILLS SELL TO KOREAN AND TAIWANESE FLATWARE MANUFACTURERS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THE PRICES PER POUND AT WHICH JAPANESE STEEL MILLS SELL STAINLESS STEEL TO KOREAN AND TAIWANESE FLATWARE MANUFACTURERS IN ORDER TO
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CHECK THE ACCURACY OF THE ABOVE ALLEGATION. IF EMBASSY

UNABLE TO OBTAIN EXACT PRICE DATA, ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING MAGNITUDE OF PRICE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STAINLESS STEEL SOLD IN THE FAR EAST AND IN THE UNITED STATES BY JAPANESE STEEL MILLS WOULD STILL BE USEFUL TO ITC.

3. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS ARE EXAMPLES OF 3 TYPES OF STAINLESS STEEL PURCHASED BY FLATWARE MANUFACTURERS:

1. AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE (AISI) TYPE 430
COLD ROLLED STRIP, 10.342 INCHES X 0.065 INCHES
COIL, MAXIMUM HARDNESS: ROCKWELL B90, 50,000
POUND QUANTITY.

2. AISI TYPE 410 ROLLED ROD, 0.373 INCH DIAMETER CUT
TO 7.625 INCH LENGTHS, 10,000 POUND QUANTITY.

3. AISI TYPE 302 COLD ROLLED STRIP, 7.156 INCHES X
0.105 INCH COIL, MAXIMUM HARDNESS: ROCKWELL B87,
50,000 POUND QUANTITY.

4. INFORMATION NEEDED BY JANUARY 15, 1976. ROBINSON

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